Additional quantity demand of coal and Natural Gas of Maharashtra

†2374. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has demanded more coal and natural gas from the Centre in order to meet the power shortage in the State which is presently 2900 to 3000 MW;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering on the matter and by when the additional quantity of coal and natural gas would be supplied, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Government of Maharashtra has not demanded more coal for its coal-based Thermal Power Stations (TPSs) since the supply of coal to TPSs has been adequate.

However, Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (MSPGCL) has been requesting Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) to supply gas as per the contracted quantity. MSPGCL has an agreement with GAIL for getting a supply of 3.5 Million metric Standard Cubic Metre per day (MMSCMD). GAIL has been supplying gas at an average of 2.5 MMSCMD, which is further reduced to 1.31 MMSCMD since 29th November, 2005 due to shut down of NQO of Mumbai offshore.

As per GAIL, the additional supply of gas to power sector can be augmented only through additional availability of gas expected from ONGC offshore source and/or Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) sources presently planned by Petronet LNG Ltd. at Dahej terminal. GAIL has plans to lay a pipeline from Dahej to Uran for supply of Regasified LNG which may also be beneficial in bridging the demand-supply gap of natural gas in Maharashtra.

Status of Raudwa Thermal Power Plant in Jharkhand

†2375. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the current status of the 2000 MW Thermal power plant under National Thermal Power Corporation foundation stone was laid in 1999 at Raudwa in Chatra district of Jharkhand State;

(b) whether NTPC intends to complete this project;

(c) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Jharkhand Government has taken any initiative in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has planned to implement North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project (3x660 MW) near Tandwa in Chatra and Hazaribag district of Jharkhand. For which, the State Government of Jharkhand is to construct dam/ reservoir on river Garhi for supplying water to the project.

The feasibility report for the power project was prepared by NTPC in 2001 and subsequently various statutory clearances/linkages including coal linkage, water commitments/CWC clearance for water availability, environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests have been obtained.

The feasibility report has been updated and the proposal has also been appraised by independent agency. At present, land acquisition process and development of infrastructural works are under progress.

The project is expected to be commissioned towards the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan Period.

(d) The information is being collected from the Government of Jharkhand.

Load shedding for industries in Maharashtra

2376. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present quantum of load shedding for the industries in Maharashtra;